

TOWN OF ACTON
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES OF May 2, 2012 MEETING
7:30 PM
Room 126, Town Hall

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, May 16, 2012
Acton Town Hall, Room 126, 7:30 PM

Present: Holly Ben-Joseph (Chair), Chris Dalmus (Co Chair), David Honn, Conor Nagle, Kim Montella (Liaison to Planning Board), Dave Clough (BoS)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Kelley's Corner

DRB had informal conversations with Developer Chris Starr regarding the walk-ability of Kelley's corner. We referred to an aerial map. Current front yard setback is 30' – this needs to be modified to encourage pedestrian-friendly development. Property Owners will need to "buy into" the idea of making the area more 'walker friendly'. C. Starr feels that we need a combination of residential/office/retail/parking to make any project viable in this area. He bases this opinion on his past development in Lexington (www.cushingvillage.com) where they developed with 130 Res. Units (1 to 2 bed apts.), 3700 +/- sf of retail, 250 parking spaces on a 2 acre parcel.

We need to add value to the community and drive money into the tax base.

Mr. Starr left the meeting at 9:02 pm.

Project Review: The Meadows

The plans were incomplete and made it nearly impossible to review and comment. We decided to ask the proponent to attend our next meeting with updated materials.

Miscellaneous

Ann Sussman has resigned from the DRB as of April 28, 2012.

We need two (2) positions to be filled.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Montella
Liaison to the Planning Board